GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - PR&RD Department - Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, PR&RD Dept. working as Assistant Secretary to Government (in-charge), PR&RD. Department (under suspension) - Violation of the Model Code of Conduct, 2024 and also for violation of Rule 19 (1) & (5) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 in having participated in Election campaign in favour of a Political party - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Written statements of defence received- Appointment of Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer under sub rule (2) and (5)(c) of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (OP.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 620 **Dated: 05-11-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the GA (SW) Department U.O.Note No.GAD01-SW0MISC (PEAS)/4/2024-1, Dt.17.04.2024 along with complaint petitions.
2. From the District Election Officer & Collector YSR District, Kadapa, Letter Ref.No.H3/359/2024, Dt.31.03.2024.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 320, PR&RD (OP.I) Department, Dt: 18.04.2024.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 464, PR&RD (OP.I) Department, Dt: 21.08.2024.
5. From Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer working as Assistant Secretary to Government (in-charge), Under Suspension Written statement of Defence, Dated:28.8.2024.

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ORDER:-

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (SW) Department have informed that certain complaint petitions filed against Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, working as Assistant Secretary to Government (in-charge), PR&RD Department, (also working as President A.P. Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) and reported by the District Election Officer and Collector, Kadapa District through CEO, & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Govt., General Administration Department wherein certain TDP leaders have made complaints that he has participated in Election campaign in favour of a political party, and also an adverse news items were published in Eenadu daily news paper on 02.04.2024 alleging that he conducted meetings with RTC Employees in RTC Depots of Badvel, Mydukur, Proddutur and Kadapa along with RTC union leader Sri C. Chandraiah and campaigned for YSRCP Political Party violating Model Code of Conduct. Therefore, the District Election Officer & Collector, YSR Kadapa District has requested the Government to take disciplinary action against Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, President, APSA to initiate disciplinary action in the matter.

(p.t.o.)

2. Accordingly, Government in the reference 3rd read above, have placed Sri K.Vekata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis, PR&RD Department, under suspension pending initiation of disciplinary proceedings. Simultaneously, vide reference 4th read above, Government have framed following articles of charge under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to him with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

CHARGE-1:-

That Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, PR&RD Dept. working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (also working as President, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Association, A.P. Secretariat) (under suspension) violated the Model Code of Conduct and conducted meetings with RTC Employees in RTC Depots of Badvel, Mydukur, Proddatur and Kapada along with RTC Union Leader Sri C.Chandraiah and campaigned and distributed pamphlets of "Praja ravana sakha mithrulara prabhuthva runam theerchukondi" by influencing the RTC employees to favour of YSRCP Political party.

Thus, for his above mentioned acts he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and there by contravened the Rule 19 (1), (5) & Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence. The Charged Officer has denied the charge.

4. Government, after examination of the matter, have taken a decision to conduct regular inquiry into the charge framed against above charged officer since the defence statement of charged officer is not found convincing.

5. Now, therefore, Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint the District Collector, Kadapa as the Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charge framed against the above Charged Officer.

6. Government also hereby appoint the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa as the Presenting Officer to present the case in support of the articles of charge framed against the said Government Servant on behalf of Government before the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Authority effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce documents, if any required by the Inquiry Authority during the course of inquiry without referring the matter to the Government.

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8. The Inquiry Authority is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit report as required under 18(ii) of the above said rules, within (3) three months positively.

9. Copies of Articles of Charge (Annexure I to IV) issued to the Charged Officer and the written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officer are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Authority as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The District Collector, Kadapa & I.A. (w.e)
The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa & P.O. (w.e)
Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Section Officer, PR&RD Dept. working as Assistant Secretary to Government on in-charge basis (u/s).
Copy to:
The CEO, EO Prl. Secy. To Govt., GA (Elections) Dept.,
The District Election Officer & Collector, YSR Kadapa Dist.
The General Administration (SW) Dept.,
The General Administration (SU.I) Dept.,'
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M. for PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T.
The PS to Prl. Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SF/SC (Computer No: 2410217).

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SECTION OFFICER